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This file is being sent to providers of assisted living facilities from the Virginia Department of Social Services Email Distribution Service.

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Dear provider,

Please review the information contained in the link below to ensure your infection control policy and procedures and staff practices are current and consistent with the CDC recommendations. As you know, Virginia has already had cases of transmission of Hepatitis from the improper use of this equipment. It is imperative that every staff person administering insulin and performing blood glucose monitoring procedures strictly adhere to these standards of practice at all times.

[http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/PDF/Clinical\\_Reminder\\_Fingerstick\\_Devices\\_RiskBBP.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/PDF/Clinical_Reminder_Fingerstick_Devices_RiskBBP.pdf)

The following is an email from Andrea Alvarez, Virginia Department of Health Healthcare-Associated Infections Program Coordinator, with some additional information and resources that are available on their website. We encourage you to utilize this valuable resource for information on infection control in your setting.

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Dear assisted living facility provider,

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has **new** resources on its website to address infections in residential and healthcare settings, including information on prevention strategies, specific types of infections, how to track infections, as well as downloadable documents from the toolkit *Successful Strategies for Infection Prevention in Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes*.

The website homepage is: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai>

Parts of the website that may be most of interest to assisted living providers and their residents/families are:

- Resources for **Long-Term Care Settings** (contains the toolkit and other documents specific to assisted living facilities and nursing homes):  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/longterm.htm>
- Resources for **Communication and Education** (includes presentations from past trainings and information on any trainings that may be upcoming):  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/communication.htm>
- Resources for **Consumers/Patients** (includes fact sheets for residents and their families):  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/cpi.htm>
- **Safe Injection Practices and Bloodborne Pathogen Prevention:**  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/SafeInjection.htm>

If you have any questions about the website, please contact Andrea Alvarez, VDH Healthcare-Associated Infections Program Coordinator, at [andrea.alvarez@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:andrea.alvarez@vdh.virginia.gov) or 804-864-8097.